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EXCERPTS BY MR. JOYCE FROM NSC 68

At the same time, we should take dynamic steps to reduce the power and influence of the Kremlin inside the Soviet Union and other areas under its control. The objective would be the establishment of friendly regimes not under Kremlin domination. Such action is essential to engage the Kremlin's attention, keep it off balance and force an increased expenditure of Soviet resources in counter-action. In other words, it would be the current Soviet cold war technique used against the Soviet Union.

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Development of programs designed to build and maintain confidence among other peoples in our strength and resolution, and to wage overt psychological warfare calculated to encourage mass defections from Soviet allegiance and to frustrate the Kremlin design in other ways.

Intensification of affirmative and timely measures and operations by covert means in the fields of economic warfare and political and psychological warfare with a view to fomenting and supporting unrest and revolt in selected strategic satellite countries.

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In early Nov. 1950 [ ] requested having NSC 68 read. DCL's copy then with [ ] EX, who refused permission to read unless ADPC requested. [ ] said no request to be made since [ ] had briefed ADPC in a memo to DCL in spring 1950, giving all info we needed. Located in CI's files a brief without signature or address.

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NSC 153/1 (supersedes 20/4, 68/2, 135/3, and Pt.I of 149/2)

Re reducing Soviet power, US should:

Para.44: Place maximum strain on Soviet satellite relations and try to weaken Soviet control over the satellite countries.

Para.45: Use political, economic, propaganda, and paramilitary operations against the USSR and orbit to delay consolidation of Soviet bloc power, stimulate internal conflicts and reduce Soviet bloc military and economic potential.

(NSC 20/4 included para.20 (b): To encourage the development among Russian peoples of attitudes which may help to modify current Soviet behavior and permit a revival of the national life of groups evidencing the ability and determination to achieve and maintain national independence.)

*NSC 162 Supersedes NSC 153/1*

"US should take forcible political, economic, propaganda and covert measures designed to create and exploit troublesome problems for the USSR, impair Soviet relations with Communist China, complicate control in the satellites, and retard the growth of the military and economic potential of the Soviet bloc."

"Measures to impose pressures on the Soviet bloc should take into account the desirability of creating conditions which will induce the Soviet leadership to be more receptive to acceptable negotiated settlements."